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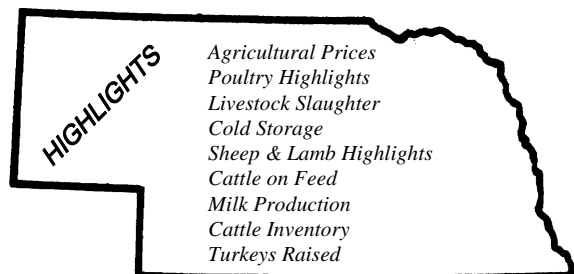
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prices for broilers, milk, turkeys, and tomatoes more than offset price increases for corn, lettuce, soybeans, and cotton. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton, tobacco, grapes, and cottonseed more than offset the relatively higher marketings of corn, soybeans, cattle, and rice. These marketing changes account for one point of the January index decreases.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 90 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.2 percent) from the December index. Lower

Compared with January 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.2 percent) lower. Price decreases from January 1999 for milk, soybeans, cotton, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, lettuce and apples.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		January 1999 <u>1/</u>	December 1999 <u>1/</u>	Jan. 15, 2000	January 1999 <u>1/</u>	December 1999 <u>1/</u>	Jan. 15, 2000	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.03	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.52	26	\$ 9.59
Corn	Bu.	1.97	1.70	1.84	2.06	1.82	1.90	29	6.61
Oats	Bu.	1.24	1.31	1.25	1.20	1.17	1.18	35	3.35
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.04	2.61	2.90	3.05	2.65	2.93	28	10.40
Soybeans	Bu.	5.09	4.25	4.39	5.32	4.44	4.59	33	13.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	47.00	38.00	38.00	78.50	71.10	71.80	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	47.00	39.00	38.00	81.40	73.20	74.10	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	43.00	34.00	33.00	70.60	65.90	65.90	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.80	15.60	14.90	19.70	17.00	15.60	32	49.00
Hogs	Cwt.	27.80	36.40	37.90	26.30	35.60	36.30	36	101.00
Barrows & Gilts ...	Cwt.	27.80	36.50	38.00	26.70	36.00	36.50	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	22.30	31.50	34.00	18.00	26.70	32.20	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	61.00	69.20	69.10	59.00	66.60	66.60	44	153.00
Steers & Heifers ...	Cwt.	61.80	70.30	70.20	62.20	70.80	70.70	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	31.20	35.10	34.50	33.40	35.10	35.20	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	85.00	100.00	104.00	83.20	98.60	102.00	52	197.00
Sheep	Cwt.	31.20	35.00	<u>2/</u>	32.40	33.40	<u>2/</u>	---	67.10
Lambs	Cwt.	66.60	73.20	<u>2/</u>	68.20	77.60	<u>2/</u>	---	162.00
Milk Cows	Head	1,260.00	---	<u>3/</u>	1,250.00	---	1,350.00	---	---
All Milk	Cwt.	16.70	11.50	<u>3/</u>	17.40	12.20	11.90	38	31.30
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	16.70	11.50	---	17.50	12.20	12.00	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	16.70	11.00	---	15.30	10.70	10.70	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay and milk cows. 2/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 3/ Monthly estimates discontinued January 2000. *Parity price based on data for January 2000.

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER

Item	1998	1999	'99% of '98
	Millions		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	10.7	11.9	111
30 States	304.0	309.0	102
U.S.	321.8	328.6	102
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA	235	259	110
30 States	6,651	6,844	103
U.S.	7,047	7,274	103
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, December			
Egg-type	35.7	32.7	92
Broiler	737.8	747.9	101
Hatched thru December			
Egg-type	438.4	448.7	102
Broiler	8,495.1	8,708.1	103

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

December 1999 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 1998 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 1999 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	% Change	
		Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head	576.8	-3	-4
Hogs, head	555.6	-4	+1
Sheep & Lambs, head1	-67	-50
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	552.5	-1	-2
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head	2,876.7	-1	-2
Calves, head	112.6	-13	+8
Hogs, head	8,887.2	-6	Sm.-
Sheep & Lambs, head	355.8	Sm.+	+8
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,862.5	-2	-1

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 1999, were greater than year earlier levels for chicken and butter. Total red meat supplies in freezers were slightly below November 1999 and 9 percent below December 1998. Frozen pork stocks were 2 percent below last month and 17 percent below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 1 percent from last month and were 3% above last year's level. Stocks on December 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent Change	
		Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999
Total red meats	748,643	-9%	Sm.-%
Beef	313,962	-16%	+2%
Pork	415,872	-17%	-2%
Poultry	1,058,849	+3%	+1%
Turkey	252,167	-17%	Sm.-%
Chicken	802,922	+12%	+1%

SHEEP AND LAMBS, JANUARY 1, 1999-2000 AND LAMB CROP, 1998-1999, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Total Market Sheep & Lambs		All Sheep & Lambs		Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan. 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+, Jan. 1		Lamb Crop	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 head						1,000 head		Percent		1,000 head	
AZ	68.0	66.0	72.0	89.0	140.0	155.0	63.0	58.0	75	78	47.0	45.0
CA	390.0	380.0	420.0	420.0	810.0	800.0	345.0	330.0	90	88	310.0	290.0
CO	220.0	210.0	220.0	230.0	440.0	440.0	200.0	185.0	110	114	220.0	210.0
IL	64.0	63.0	10.0	11.0	74.0	74.0	56.0	52.0	130	133	73.0	69.0
IA	170.0	170.0	90.0	95.0	260.0	265.0	138.0	133.0	152	158	210.0	210.0
KS	70.0	65.0	30.0	35.0	100.0	100.0	66.0	57.0	106	111	70.0	63.0
MN	110.0	105.0	65.0	60.0	175.0	165.0	85.0	90.0	182	161	155.0	145.0
MT	345.0	340.0	35.0	30.0	380.0	370.0	315.0	270.0	113	126	355.0	340.0
NE	88.0	88.0	17.0	14.0	105.0	102.0	71.0	73.0	135	134	96.0	98.0
NV	75.0	78.0	10.0	12.0	85.0	90.0	56.0	53.0	102	109	57.0	58.0
ND	98.0	103.0	36.0	32.0	134.0	135.0	78.0	79.0	135	139	105.0	110.0
OH	103.0	102.0	22.0	32.0	125.0	134.0	85.0	85.0	145	142	123.0	121.0
OR	150.0	151.0	65.0	59.0	215.0	210.0	150.0	120.0	109	117	163.0	140.0
SD	325.0	320.0	95.0	100.0	420.0	420.0	305.0	270.0	115	119	345.0	320.0
TX	1,050.0	950.0	300.0	250.0	1,350.0	1,200.0	880.0	880.0	91	80	800.0	700.0
VA	51.0	48.0	14.0	13.0	65.0	61.0	46.0	41.0	120	122	55.0	50.0
WY	480.0	460.0	150.0	110.0	630.0	570.0	430.0	385.0	102	101	440.0	390.0
U.S.	5,299.0	5,163.0	1,916.0	1,863.0	7,215.0	7,026.0	4,569.5	4,322.0	110	109	5,007.0	4,719.0

CATTLE ON FEED

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 9% FROM YEAR AGO

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.3 million cattle on feed on January 1, up 9% from 1999 and 6% above 1998. Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 400,000 head, up 8% from last year and 14% above December two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during December totaled 340,000 head, up 3% from a year earlier and 1997. Other disappearance during December totaled 20,000 head compared with 10,000 head during both December 1998 and 1997.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 7% FROM YEAR AGO

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.46 million head on January 1. The inventory was 7% above January 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, 9% above 1998 and 6% above 1997. Net placements were 1.56 million. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.84 million, 1% above 1998 and 5% above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during December, 6% above both 1998 and 1997.

CATTLE ON FEED: INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	JANUARY 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			DECEMBER PLACEMENTS			DECEMBER MARKETINGS			DECEMBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona*	206	272	132	22	36	164	28	25	89	2	4	200
California *	400	415	104	50	67	134	55	47	85	5	10	200
Colorado *	1,140	1,180	104	170	160	94	210	190	90	10	10	100
Idaho	285	310	109	55	50	91	50	59	118	5	1	20
Iowa *	335	375	112	53	45	85	36	39	108	2	1	50
Kansas *	2,110	2,290	109	320	400	125	440	480	109	20	10	50
Nebraska *	2,110	2,300	109	330	340	103	370	400	108	10	20	200
New Mexico ..	118	116	98	19	15	79	9	5	56	2	3	150
Oklahoma	410	430	105	58	53	91	76	60	79	2	3	150
So. Dakota	184	194	105	32	31	97	26	22	85	1	1	100
Texas *	2,720	2,900	107	305	360	118	425	420	99	20	20	100
Washington ...	199	228	115	33	38	115	40	48	120	4	3	75
Other Sts	450	445	99	65	51	78	58	47	81	2	4	200
U. S.	10,667	11,455	107	1,512	1,646	109	1,823	1,842	101	85	90	106

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Historic 7 states.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED BY CLASS, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY QUARTER, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 1999-2000

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	Jan. 1, 1999	Oct. 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 1999	Oct. 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 1999	Oct. 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000
	1,000 head								
AZ	187	199	252	19	9	20	0	0	0
CA	365	340	376	35	38	38	0	2	1
CO	675	625	650	460	440	520	5	5	10
ID	199	207	212	82	102	98	4	1	0
IA	205	192	240	129	123	135	1	0	0
KS	1,260	1,400	1,350	840	830	930	10	10	10
NE	1,220	1,110	1,340	870	780	940	20	10	20
NM	60	39	55	58	52	61	0	0	0
OK	255	220	265	155	159	164	0	1	1
SD	109	62	103	69	45	83	6	4	8
TX	1,520	1,410	1,550	1,199	1,259	1,349	1	1	1
WA	116	149	137	82	97	91	1	0	0
Other	290	255	300	155	87	135	5	3	10
U.S.	6,461	6,208	6,830	4,153	4,021	4,564	53	37	61

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item & Quarter	NEBRASKA			20 STATES			UNITED STATES		
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
	Thousand head								
Milk cows 1/									
July-September	69	69	74	7,752	7,706	7,745	9,236	9,149	9,166
October-December ..	69	70	75	7,734	7,700	7,755	9,200	9,137	9,178
	Million pounds								
Milk production 2/									
July-September	260	262	302	33,141	33,110	34,321	38,627	38,519	39,784
October-December ...	261	266	310	32,538	33,435	34,804	38,031	38,937	40,428

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS JANUARY 1 AND CALF CROP,
NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES**

Class	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1998	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>	1998	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>
	Thousand head		Percent		Thousand head		Percent	
Cattle and calves	6,750	6,700	6,650	99	99,744	99,115	98,048	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	2,010	2,050	2,050	100	43,084	42,878	42,734	100
Beef cows	1,940	1,978	1,974	100	33,885	33,745	33,546	99
Milk cows	70	72	76	106	9,199	9,133	9,188	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,830	1,860	1,860	100	19,800	19,774	19,970	101
For beef cow replacement	300	300	290	97	5,764	5,535	5,530	100
For milk cow replacement	30	30	30	100	3,986	4,069	3,954	97
Other heifers	1,500	1,530	1,540	101	10,051	10,170	10,045	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,250	2,140	2,170	101	17,189	16,891	16,652	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	100	105	110	105	2,270	2,281	2,294	101
Calves under 500 pounds	560	545	460	84	17,401	17,290	16,840	97
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>
Calves born	1,820	1,860	1,860	100	38,961	38,812	38,710	100

NOTE: Classes may not add to totals due to rounding.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, 1993-1999

Year	NEBRASKA					UNITED STATES				
	Cattle	Milk* Cows	Beef* Cows	Hogs	Sheep	Cattle	Milk* Cows	Beef* Cows	Hogs	Sheep
	Number					Number				
1993	29,000	2,300	23,000	11,500	2,200	1,213,780	157,150	894,980	218,060	92,610
1994	29,000	2,000	23,000	11,000	1,700	1,197,290	148,140	897,260	196,030	86,060
1995	28,000	1,800	23,000	10,000	1,700	1,190,630	139,670	897,660	168,450	79,900
1996	28,000	1,600	23,000	8,500	1,700	1,176,700	130,980	885,980	142,380	76,600
1997	28,000	1,500	23,000	6,500	1,700	1,148,050	123,700	872,840	122,160	72,680
1998	29,000	1,400	23,000	5,900	1,700	1,115,650	117,180	855,460	113,830	68,550
1999	28,000	1,400	23,000	5,000	1,700	1,095,960	111,220	843,230	98,460	66,800

* Included in number of cattle operations.

TURKEYS RAISED IN THE U.S. IN 1999 DOWN 4 PERCENT

Turkeys raised in the United States during 1999 totaled 273 million, down 4% from the 285 million turkeys raised during 1998. North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million followed by Minnesota with 43.5 million; Arkansas with 27.0 million; Virginia with 24.0 million; Missouri with 22.0 million; California with 17.5 million; and Indiana with 13.5 million. These States accounted for 71% of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1999.

Turkey growers in the 20 States which produced 96% of the turkeys raised in 1999, intend to increase the number of birds raised in 2000 by 1%. Intentions for the top 7 producing States compared with 1999 are as follows: North Carolina down 1%; Minnesota, Arkansas and Virginia unchanged; Missouri up 9%; California, up 14%; and Indiana down 4%. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2000 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report.

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